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Graduates look to the future

Valedictorian 'voices his opinion' during speech

His Valedictory address started with a quote from Thomas Jefferson and ended with a standing ovation from his fellow classmates.

During the Ozona High School graduation ceremony Lamour English spoke on how his class's senior year has been compared to a "rollercoaster ride."

English also stated how "decisions made this year have lowered the moral at Ozona High School, but that the Class of 2009 came together to find success at Ozona High School."

"In the last 17 to 18 years, we have learned qualities and developed character. We have learned how to ask questions and how to find the answers," he said. "While we are ended a path in the growth of our education, we are beginning an adventure that is also a test coming in ways unimaginable."

to be strong in their faith.

that can carry you through every situation you face," he

He quoted Psalm 27, which states "The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life-of whom shall I be afraid?"

"Success could mean one Friday at Lion Stadium, Ethan more second of endurance, one more phone call or one more try," English said.
After his speech, English

made a statement of how the speech he gave was his original Valedictorian speech that was not approved by his principal. He was told that the sentence about the "decisions made this year have lowered moral at Ozona High School" would harm the public's perspective of English.

English said that this speech was his opinion as a student at Ozona High School and that it was the opinion of most, if not all, of his fellow

"This is how I felt about English ended his speech myself and my classmates fell upon my class," he said. "I "If you have a relationship was taught to learn the truth,



OZONA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES toss their caps after the ceremony Friday at Lion Stadium. Forty-one students received their diplomas.

with absolute integrity."

After the ceremony, English said that this statement ministration.

tried it with our administra- English said. tion and we felt like we were

English also said that while by reminding his classmates due to the circumstances that was not an attack on the adignored. I was denied this op-some decisions that were made ing the UIL spring events due portunity, so I took the nec- by local administration did "I wanted to voice the peressary steps to see that my disappoint the students, but with the Lord Jesus Christ, to speak the truth and to do it spective of the OHS students rights were not denied and the there were more actions taken

to the community because we students' voices were heard," by individuals not part of the administration, such as the UIL's overreaction to postponto the H1N1 (swine flu) virus.

PLEASE SEE GRADUATION, PAGE 5

Eighth-graders promoted to high school

The annual Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony was held on May 27 at the OHS Auditorium.

The 2009 Candidates for Promtion to the Ninth Grade are: Gabriela Aranda, Jason Badillo, Avni Bhakta, Allie Black, Alexander Borrego, Jessica Borrego, Tesla Caperton, Arleen Castillo, Stephanie Cervantes, Brandon DeHoyos, Jon David DeHoyos, Sabrina De La Garza, Mayra Diaz, Brandon Dominguez, Cynthia Garcia, Kodi Glosson, Chelsea Gonzales, Kaylen Hernandez, Cuatro Jones, Nathan Leonard, Cheyenne Lopez, Samuel Maskill, Joaquin Meza, Jennifer Mora, Blake Morrow, Natalia Oritz, Christian Perez, Cipriano Perez, Sasha Perez, Dillen Ramirez, Mayra Rios, Yareli Rodriguez, Jeffery Sanchez, Ingred Silva, Marley Tambunga, Noah Tambunga, Sierra Trevino, Narce Unate, Jaylynn Vargas and Rocky Venegas.



OZONA EIGHTH-GRADERS participated in the annual promotion ceremony on May 27 at the OHS Auditorium.

First Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

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"Energetic and passionate about preaching God's word" is how Chris Johnson describes his new role as pastor of the First Baptist Church of

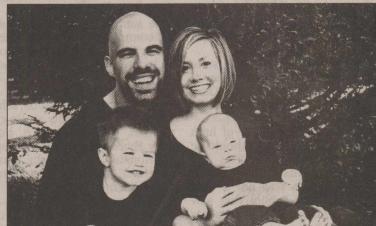
Chris and his family, wife Lauren and sons Elijah, 2, and Gabriel, 10 months, moved into town Sunday afternoon. His first service as pastor will be Sunday, June 7.

"We are excited about being in Ozona. When we visited a few weeks ago the boys had so much fun. They got to meet some local goats. They both talked back to the goats and couldn't stop laughing at the noises they made," Chris said.

The Johnsons come to Ozona from Fort Worth where Chris has been Acting Assistant to the President at Southwestern Seminary and part of the leadership team of Cross Baptist Church.

Chris has his bachelor of science from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., his master of divinity from Southwestern Seminary and is currently working on his doctorate in preaching from Southwestern Seminary.

"After being in college and seminary for the last nine years, I cannot wait to get to work in my first church. I am thankful



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OZONA welcomes their new pastor Chris Johnson and his family, wife Lauren and sons Elijah and Gabriel. The Johnsons moved to Ozona from Fort Worth.

that God has allowed me to ters, both in college, and his come to such a great church parents live in Fort Worth. and community with truly incredible people," Chris said.

Chris was born in St. Paul, Minn. and then raised in Arkansas. Lauren was born in stop to think about it but life Oklahoma City and, after several moves, eventually ended up in Florida, where her father

is an associate pastor. The couple met in 2004 at Southwestern Seminary and married in 2005.

Lauren recently completed her master of divinity with a concentration in women's studies. She has a brother, who is also in seminary at Southwestern, and a sister who is in college in Florida.

Chris has two younger sis-

The couple said they are

excited about meeting everyone in Ozona. "Many people don't ever

is not a just a random series of coincidences. Whether you notice it or not, God loves us and is at work in all of our lives in a thousand ways. The process of coming to Ozona for us has truly been one directed by God," Chris said. "Through the process of interviews and face to face meetings it became more and more clear that God wanted us in Ozona. Now that we're here, we can't wait to see what God will do as He changes people's lives."

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You have crazy hat day, shoe, dress, bring your parent Day. day, pizza day, President's Day, Secretary Day, School Board Day, but there's no

excuse for the patriots and

Those who stood for what we believe in, fought the good fight and never let us down.

Not even a thank you, moment of silence or "God forbid" a prayer on Memorial

Well, God Bless America.

Tom Morrow Ozona, Texas

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The voice of his generation

very generation has a Friday night, the newly

graduated Class of 2009

voiced theirs. Standing in front of his family, classmates, school administrators and board members and in front of community of Ozona, Valedictorian Ethan English stood up for his beliefs to voice his generation's opinion about

the future. His sentence "decisions made this year have lowered moral at Ozona High School" was not suppose to be uttered. English said he was told by his principal that the sentence would cause a negative public perception on the

graduating senior. Instead of leaving out the sentence, or reading a backup speech, English took a stand for his beliefs.

In our opinion, this stand was bravely and respectfully done. It is not an easy thing to voice an opinion.

Each week, newspapers voice opinions about local, state, national and world issues. We take a stand for things that affect the world around us.

As journalists, we are use to criticism, people telling us what we should and should not do. For an 18-year-old about to enter the U.S. Military, this was his first experience at what some may call breaking the rules.'

This hasn't been an easy school year for anyone. Changes were made that caused many students to be disappointed and confused.

English had the right to state this sentence and then follow it up by saying "However, the Class of 2009 has found success at Ozona High School."

A person's senior year of high school is often one that should be filled with golden victories and accomplishments.

However, this was not a year at Ozona High School that saw many of those. Shining moments came but they were not as many as seen in years past.

In the end, the Class of 2009 can look back on their senior year as a memorable experience.

However, they also learned some tough lessons, such as life can be full of disappointments and good guys don't always finish first.

Oscar Hammerstein II said "If vou become a teacher, by your pupils you'll be taught.'

Perhaps a pupil of Ozona High School has taught his teach-



MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

English's speech, made reference for his fellow classmates to keep their faith and to follow

ers, adminis-

trators, board

members and

other adults a

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At the end

Jesus Christ.

What many people often forget is that Jesus took a stand for speaking on his beliefs. He then died on a cross so others may know his salvation.

Like Jesus, English was peaceful. He didn't yell, scream or do anything out of the ordinary but read his speech and let the public know that he was told to censor part of his address.

Soon, English will be traveling to begin his career at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He will be dedicating his life to fighting for the freedom that he was denied.

He will be fighting to keep the freedom that allowed him to stand up for what he believed was right.

Freedom in this country has come at a high price.

English said what he did was for next year's high school seniors and for generations to come.

He said it because he believes his community, his school can be better and it can if people choose to listen and stand up for what they believe is right. It wasn't an attack on our

school administrators or school board; he was simply stating his opinion. With his speech, hopefully there can become an open relationship between the administrators, teachers, community and students.

Most importantly, students and teachers opinions need to be considered. Throughout the year, we have heard of teachers being afraid to speak out to the administration. This needs to be re-

A new superintendent is coming to our school system. We can only hope and pray that he listens to everyone in this community, both young and old.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. No sentences were censored in the writing of this column.

Un-Herd

Here are a few quotes I don't think you'll EVER hear at a livestock auction: From an order buyer...

I wish the auctioneer would hurry up, I'm late for my pilates class.

I sure hope I gave enough money for the calves I bought so that the ranchers who raised them will be able to buy nice Christmas gifts for their families.

What is this old slaughter cow's frame score? Or, do you have the scrotal measurement for this bologna bull?

I wonder if that shirt the auctioneer is wearing also comes in men's colors?

Have you read any good books

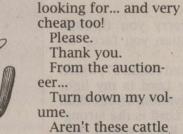
I wish the auctioneer would turn his microphone volume up.

According to the university professors and editors, these cattle are certainly deserving of a premium. Perhaps I should just add a little something to

That sushi I had for lunch in the auction market cafe certainly was delicious.

That ring man sure is cute. The auctioneer sounds like a Beethoven concerto.

Does this outfit make me look fat? These cattle are exactly what I was cow buyers are "strategically aligned."



IT'S THE PITTS

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good home. Swing those gates slower, boys; I'm having a hard time keeping up.

grease on a fast food

meat on a bowling ball.

I'll only sell this cow

to you if you promise

me you'll give her a

taco. I've seen more

This is a dispersal. The consignor sent us his entire herd, consisting of two head, and haven't they been sorted into two nice uniform lots?

These ten year old outlaws haven't been castrated, dehorned or ever seen a corral but I'm sure they'll be dog gentle once you get them back to your

If you buy these cattle you are dumber than a bottle of fabric soft-

By your bidding it appears that you

These cows aren't bangs vaccinated but if you travel at night no one will

Sure, these cattle have been weaned. About ten hours now, I'd

What, no more cattle to sell today! Darn, it's only ten p.m., I've been chanting for nine hours, and I was terrible? I've seen more hoping the sale would last at least

until midnight. Are you sure you want to bid that much? Do you need more time to think

I wish you'd break me down to dimes because I sure need the practice. The bid is against you, fine sir.

These cattle have a magnificent provenance, is there any further advance of the bid? I'd sure hate to lose a customer but

in your case, let me get our competitors phone number for you. The only thing holding this trader

cow together are all the sale barn tags. That ring man sure is cute. And from the consignor...

The commission is very reasonable and I sure did like our spot in the sale

My cattle brought way too much money. More than I ever expected. My banker is going to be very pleased.

Clock runs out on Legislature: new budget but massive die-off of bills

AUSTIN — Lawmakers spent the last few days of the 140day 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature maneuvering to get their bills passed before midnight, June 1.

House Democrats ate up enough of the clock with stall tactics to prevent final passage of the Republican-supported "voter ID" bill that originated in the state Senate.

Hundreds of other bills died because of the slowdown, but end-of-session tactical slowdowns are nothing new.

Also, to revive a floundering bill, some members employed the tactic of attaching the bill's language in the form of an amendment to another piece of "germane" legislation. Amendments must be germane to whatever legislation they are attached. That is, they must relate to the general subject of the original proposition of a bill.

Senators and House members did accomplish their most important task. They put the finishing touches on and adopted Senate Bill 1, the state budget for 2010-2011.

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The budget, an estimated \$182 billion, gives the Texas Department of Transportation \$17 billion with \$6 billion of that going for new road construction.

Health and human services increases 10 percent and includes funding to improve state schools and centers operated by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

"We've made a historical commitment to assisting our citizens with intellectual disabilities," said Sen. Steve Ogden, chair of the budget-drafting Senate Finance Committee.

"It is significant that we are going, in this budget, to provide the funding necessary to reform our state schools and create many new alternatives, thousands of alternatives, for these most deserving citizens to receive the help and the treatment they need outside of an institutional setting," Ogden said.

The budget gives higher education a 7 percent increase in

spending, \$450 million in new funds for cancer research and a 7 percent pay raise for correctional officers over the next two vears.

Gov. Rick Perry has the final say. He can sign SB 1 into law as-is, send it back for reconsideration in the final day of the session, or call a special session for a heavy makeover.

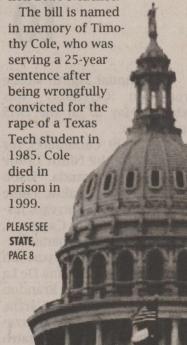
ACT AIDS WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED Gov. Perry on May 27 signed

into law HB 1736, the Tim Cole Act, legislation increasing lump sum compensation paid to victims of wrongful imprisonment from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for each year of imprisonment.

The bill also requires the state to make monthly payments to the exonerated individual for life, and pay up to 120 hours of tuition and fees at career centers or state institutions of higher education. Exonerees also qualify for state-provided services to ease re-entry and reintegration into society. The bill was authored by Rep.

Raphael Anchia, D-Dallas, and sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

Forty Texas prisoners have been cleared of criminal wrongdoing based on DNA evidence. Dozens of others have been exonerated based on non-DNA evidence.



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JARED BIRD (right) has been featured on the cover and inside the Summer 2009 edition of the Angelo State University Magazine. The article is about ASU's prehealth program and Bird's participation in the program. Bird recently graduated summa cum laude from ASU. He will continue his studies at Texas A&M College of Medicine in College Station. He will study two years at College Station and then two years at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas. Bird is a graduate of Ozona High School. He is the son of Richard Bird and the grandson of Barbara Bird, both of Ozona. To read the article, visit www.angelo.edu/ASUMagazine/.

Chamber luncheon to feature Representative Hilderbran

State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, will speak at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce luncheon on June 11 at the Chamber Visitor Center.

The event will start at 11:30 a.m. and end by 1 p.m. Hilderbran continues to

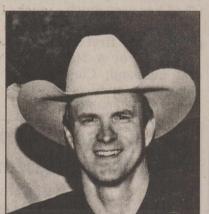
strenghthen rural admission to public universities, limit public taking of private property, continues to fight child abuse and fight for taxpayers.

Hilderbran was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988 and was most recently re-elected in

and Ways & Means commit-

From 2003 to 2008, he served as chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

previously served as a member of the Natural Resources Committee, which oversees the chamber at 392-3737.



the Texas Commission on En-vironmental Quality as it relates to the regulation of wa-He currently serves on the ter resources, and the Texas Redistricting, State Affairs, Water Development Board. He served as cochairman, along with Sen. Kip Averitt, of the legislative oversight committee for the Edwards Aguifer Authority.

Cost for the luncheon is Additionally, Hilderbran \$9 catered by Ozona Chatter Box. RSVP deadline is June 9.

For more information, call



WEST TEXAS REHAB CENTER received a new stationary exercise bike through donations from the Crockett County DeerFest Association. Pictured are: (left to right) Martin Childress, Clay Engdahl, Ty Williams, Hugh Childress, Will Seahorn and Jimmy Nowell from DeerFest and Stacey Asbill from the Rehab Center.

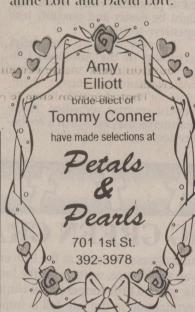


OZONA ELMENTARY held a retirement and farewell party for Rosario Sanchez (left) and Kathleen Edinburgh last week. Mrs. Sanchez is retiring while Mrs. Edinburgh is leaving for a new position in San Angelo.

Lott named National Scholar

Sarah A. Lott has been named to the National Society of High School Scholars, which recognizes students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

Lott is a 2009 OHS graduate. She is the daughter of Dianne Lott and David Lott.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, June 3

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, June 4

Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the library.

Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, June 5

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, June 8

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Commissioners' meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.

• Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the library.

Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, June 9

 CCCCSD Board of Trustees special meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Wednesday, June 10

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy birthday

June 3 - Cristy Dominguez, sa Tambunga, Clint Perner and Kristen Mendoza, Josh Smith, Dustin Trevino Alyia Ortiz and Frankie Garza

June 4 - James Galindo, Jalen Lopez, Camille Hernandez, Peggy Logan, Ray Shaffer, Janet Martinez III Thompson and Calib Bullard June 5 - Amber Batura, Dy-

lan Castillo and Roylan Sulli-June 6 - Ronnie Davis, Shari-

June 7 - Brady Granger, Alejandra Borquez, Kim Weddle, Garry Raymon Held and Rudy

June 8 - Kayla Turland, Jason Parker, Michael Hill and Lisa Colin

June 9 - Dennis Lynch, Rick Bird, Ninfa Preddy, Karen Penka Sheppard, Paula Sessom, Elinington and Elvira Martinez



Grandma Maria, Grandpa Nat and all the Hernandez Family







Congratulations to BRITNI ALEXIS GONZALES.

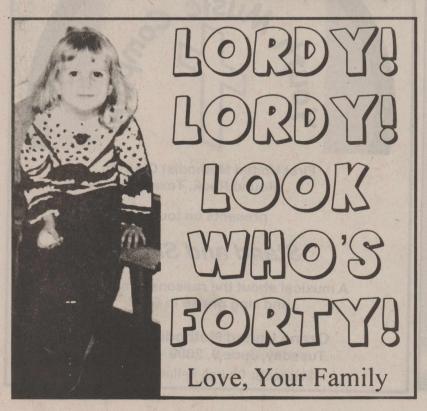
daughter of

Butch Gonzalez of Midland & Stacy Gonzalez of San Angelo. Britni graduated from Central High School in San Angelo on May 30th. Britni had many academic and athletic successes at Central including being named to the All-Region I-5A Girls Soccer Team.

She will attend Angelo State University where she hopes to continue her successful ways. We are proud of you and we love you...Guela Mari

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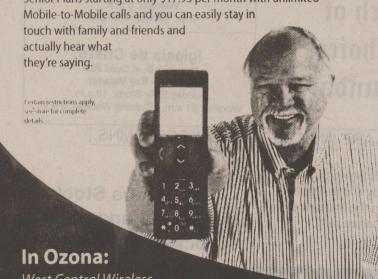
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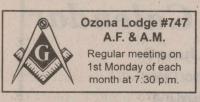
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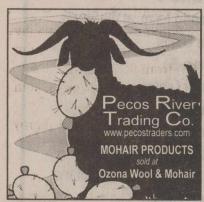
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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

rainy season" and isn't it won- at the center. We will serve exercise class, bridge, bingo, derful? Monday we woke up to grilled hamburgers, chips, des- home health, pool, canasta rain and it kept us very happy all day long. The vegetation is getting greener and greener.

buildings painted? It brightens things up and whose ever idea it was to paint had an downtown.

We learned Sunday that gone to Houston in an effort to receive more help in getting Leroy well. All of us at the Senior Center with them success.

HEALTHY LIVING

Crockett County Senior Center will be hosting our Senior regular It has at last arrived "our Bingo Social at 6:30 p.m. here dance lessons and dances, sert and tea, coffee or water.

dies are still faithful about zines and three computers Have you noticed down- doing this exercise every Mon- that are on the internet for setown there have been three day, Wednesday and Friday niors to use. here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 am. You our activities a new projector are welcome to join this group with stand and a screen. excellent effect on Ozona's and get the exercise that you need to keep healthy.

Carol and Leroy Adcock had 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge We are anxious for these players come to the Senior games to be used. Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies 50 years young and older. We are faithful about coming and will remain flexible as to age.

On Thursday, June 11, the always have a fun afternoon.

We continue to have our activities: square and puzzles. We also have a The "Walk Two Miles" la- collection of books, maga-

We have recently added to

Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and three Monday and Thursdays at different simulating games.

Our activities are for those

DEATH NOTICES

Salome Chavez Salazar

Salome Chavez Salazar, 95, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in a local care center.

Funeral service was Thursday, May 28, at the Templo Siloe Assembly of God with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors inclued five grandchildren: Israel Moreno Carrizales of Ozona, Ana Luisa Carrizales Rodriguez of San Angelo, Dora Elia Carrizales Martinez, Jose Moreno Carrizales and Veronica Carrizales de Torres all of Grape Creek; two nieces, Graciela Chavez and Hortencia Chavez and nephew, Santiago Chavez.

OBITUARIES

Jane Moody Bednar

ARLINGTON - Jane Moody Bednar, 73, passed away May 25, 2009 in Arlington after a long battle with diabetes and dementia.

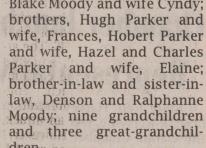
A graveside service was held Thursday, May 28, at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, Texas. There was a memorial service Friday, May 29, at the Ozona Church of Christ.

Jane was born in Jonesboro, Ark. on June 14, 1935 to Jack Parker and Tommie Rook. She spent most of her life in Ozona where she raised her four children. Jane was a loving daughter, wife and mother who had an angelic smile and beautiful singing voice. She touched the lives of everyone she met. Jane was a devout Christian and a life long member of the Church of Christ. She had many friends and family members, all of whom loved and cherished her very much.

Jane was preceded in death by her first husband of 35 years, Foy A. Moody; second husband, Clay Bednar; son, Jack Moody and one sister, Jackie Venable.

Survivors: daughters, Karen Bartlett and husband, Clark and Sheri Moody and fiance, Jesus Alvarado; son, Blake Moody and wife Cyndy;

Arrangements by Moore in Arlington.



Funeral Home-Bowen Chapel

Ozona Joyous and Free Narcotics Anonymous Group

Mondays & Thursdays 7-8 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Besente & Martinez F.M.I. call Lissa at (325) 226-5299

Card of Thanks

Thank you, thank you to everyone for your prayers, your support, your help, your phone calls and text messages during my time of surgery. Thank you for the food, cards, flowers or for stopping by. Everyone of you is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to my family, to ONB, to good friends and neighbors. God Bless each and every one of you. Thanks, guys!

Juanita Mendoza

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Card of Thanks The Military Support Group would like to thank the Ozona community for the Girl Scout cookies donated to our local service members. Over 350 boxes of cookies were generously donated by the community and collected by the Girl Scouts and their leaders. Additionally, we would like to thank the following people and businesses for donations needed to mail the cookies: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogle, Anna Martinez, Annalu Gonzales, David McGuire, Kayla Davidson, Leanna Childress, Irma McCutcheon, The Ozona Stockman and Ozona National Bank. Your continued support of our military is greatly appreciated!

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all that assisted me this year with the Memorial Day Ceremony. Ethan English, Nathan Knox, I certainly appreciate all they have done here and for our community I wish them well in their future. God Speed! Mary Tambunga for redoing our Red, White, and Blue Wreath, Johnny Perkins, Johnny Tambunga, and Roman Tambunga, Mike and Ninfa Preddy with Preddy Funeral Home for our small flags and The Ozona Stockman and KHOS Radio Station. Last but not least my sons and my lovely wife for always helping me out. I hope I did not forget anyone if so please know that your assistance is always greatly appreciated.

Veterans who died this past year: Manuel Fierro, Harvey Hill, Joe Sherek, Robert "Buck" Williams, Jim Cloudt, Johnny Jones, Cayetano Etheridge, Leslie Deland, David Nelson, Manuel Longoria and Lonye Cain.

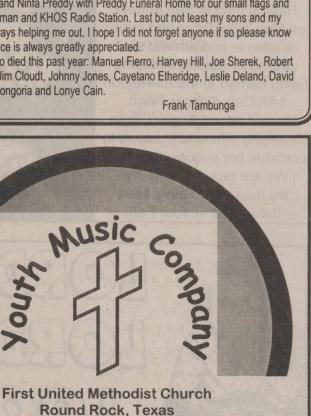
presents on tour

Stand and Shout

A musical about the reasons to stand up

and sing praise to God!

Ozona United Methodist Church Tuesday, June 9, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



ALL PASTORS OF OZONA CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COLUMNS.

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This series of ads is being published and sponsored by these Ozona business firms in the interest of a stronger community.

The Ozona Stockman **Upham Insurance Agency**



Health care in hard times: four ways to help keep medical costs down When tightening the purse also strengthen lungs and musstrings becomes a necessity, there

are some things you shouldn't eliminate from the budget. Health care is one of them. Cutting corners on your medical

care might actually cost you more in the long run. More important, it may put your health in jeopardy.

Still, as deductibles and co-pays rise and many people find themselves without health insurance, lowering out-of-pocket medical expenses may become a priority.

These steps can help you stay healthy and lower your medical costs: 1. Practice good health habits. Smart lifestyle choices, such as these, are key:

· Don't smoke, and avoid secondhand smoke. Lung disease, heart disease, stroke and cancer are just a few of the health problems associated with smoking that you might avoid by kicking your habit. For tips on quitting smoking, visit www.smokefree.gov.

Eat well. Diseases as varied as high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis and heart disease may be linked to diet. Aim for a diet filled with fruits, vegetables and whole grains. And go easy on foods and drinks that are high in calories, sugar, salt or fat.

Get active. Balancing your activity level with your calorie consumption will help you maintain a healthy weight--and lower the risk of diabetes, heart disease and osteoarthritis. Exercise can fore seeking medical help.

cles and may ward off depression. Aim for at least 21/2 hours of exercise each week. Don't worry about joining a gym or purchasing exercise equipment. A brisk daily walk can be beneficial.

By Dr. Marcus Sims | Family Health Center of Ozona

Be safe. Wearing seat belts in vehicles and helmets on bikes reduces your risk of injury.

Practice prevention. Wear sunscreen to prevent skin cancer, and wash your hands often to keep germs at bay.

Manage stress. Stress can be toxic to your body and contribute to a host of health problems, reports Mental Health America. To combat stress, try to balance work with play and make time for relaxation. Always get adequate sleep.

2. Have a primary care physician. Seeing a doctor regularly can help keep your immunizations up-to-date. This may enable you to avoid illnesses such as influenza and shingles.

Regular appointments also provide opportunities for screening tests. These tests may catch health problems early, when they might be easier-and possibly less expensive-to treat.

3. Know when to seek help. According to the American College of Physicians, many minor medical problems correct themselves or improve with home or over-the-counter remedies. These treatments may be worth a try be-

For instance, if you sprain an ankle, many doctors recommend the R.I.C.E. approach to treatment--rest, ice, compression (wrapping the ankle in a bandage or an acewrap) and elevation (raising the ankle to prevent swelling from getting worse). However, if you are unable to bear weight, you should seek medical attention.

If you have a cold, your doctor cannot offer a cure, but getting rest, drinking fluids and using over-the-counter remedies may help you feel better. However, if your condition fails to get better or if you're not sure whether you need assistance, you should seek professional advice. And you should always get immediate help for a medical emergency.

4. Ask about generics. Generic drugs have the same purity, strength and quality as their brand-name counterparts, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. But they're less expensive than brand-name drugs.

Patient assistance programs may be available if you can't afford your medications. Ask your pharmacist for details.

Whatever you do, don't decide on your own to stop taking your medicine in order to save money. If you're worried about the cost of a medication-or any other aspect of your care-talk to your doctor.

Together, you can work to keep costs under control while staying on top of your health.

SECRETS TO HAVING GREEN GRASS

I learned a lot about lawn and grass care while working in Bermuda grass research at the University. One of the most important things is you start working or preparing for a beautiful yard way in advance, waiting till the last minute will take a lot more effort, time and money and it will still not be as beautiful. Leaving the grass a little longer in the winter helps protect it and makes for faster growth or recovery in the spring. Proper watering and fertilization in the late fall is important. Early spring watering and fertilization and when and how short you cut the grass will help your yard stay greener longer and help it withstand those hot summer days. Actually what is below ground or the root system can be more important than what you see above ground. Proper yard or lawn care reminds me of the Christian life. Doing the right things at the right time is very important. It is not what we see on top that counts but what is underneath or on the inside. Reading our Bibles daily or frequently, scripture memory, meditation, prayer and confession of sin are some essentials, (Psalm 1:2&3, 2:11, 19:14, 55:1, Colossians 4:2, 1 John 1:9). Good Christian fellowship and attending worship services regularly are crucial. Having a healthy well nurtured soul leads to a good Christian life, which is very pleasing to our Lord. See you in Church next Sunday.

Ozona Church of Christ

1002 11th St.

Mr. Johnnie Perkins

Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

901 Ave. D Chris Johnson - Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida

Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War

Pastor Juan Avila

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.

Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

601 Ave. I

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Worship: 11 a.m.

Wed. & Sun. Worship: 6 p.m.

New Beginnings Church

701 9th Street

Pastor Jesse Cardona

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem **Faith Lutheran Church** Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m.

802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia

102 Man O' War St.

Pastor Mario De La Mora

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 6 p.m.

Tues., Thurs. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.

Attend the

Church of

your choice

this Sunday

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Templo Siloe **Assembly of God Church** 2121 Santa Rosa St.

Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

Ozona United

Methodist Church

12 - 11th St.

Pastor Ron Shott

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m.

Mon. - Thurs .: 6 p.m. **Apostolic Church** 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.

Crockett National Bank

LIBRARY NEWS By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

'Libraries: Deep In The Heart of Texas' summer reading program begins Thursday

lic Library, in cooperation games, food, and activities with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, is sponsoring the 2009 Texas braries: Deep In The Heart Reading Club this summer.

Deep In The Heart Of Texas!"

and activities invite children to explore the marvelous cultural heritage of our state and country.

this theme into Spanish also: "Bibliotecas: En Lo Mas Profundo Del Corazon de Tejas!"

The theme encourages librarians to celebrate summer reading by hosting programs that include children's books,

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The Crockett County Pub- music and dance, toys and from the Lone Star State.

CCPL is celebrating "Li-Of Texas!" at the library this The theme is "Libraries: summer during our Summer Children's Programs every The theme and the books Monday and Thursday morning in June.

There will be two age groups. Children 6 to 12 years come from 10-11 a.m. Texas librarians translated and children 3 to 5 years come from 11 a.m.-noon.

This summer beginning Thursday, June 4, Friends of the Library volunteers will be reading stories, doing crafts and playing games with the kids.

CCPL Librarian Louise P. Ledoux reports, "We will be bringing the theme to life with special storytimes, exciting speakers and programs, reading certificates, and much, much more. Friends of the Library volunteers will be reading stories and sharing activities with the children. Over 300 children enjoyed the programs last summer, and this summer promises to be bigger and better than ever. Mark your calendars now and don't miss a minute of the 2009 Summer Reading Programs at your public library. Every Monday and Thursday morning in June your library is the place to be this summer."

GRADUATION: Salutatorian gives her top five 'important' reasons to go to college

"Granted, things changed that disappointed students at OHS, but we realize that much of that could not be avoided. On that issue, we want our opinion to be considered by the administrators, but such disappointments were only part of what lowered morale at OHS. The attacks on our school, students and faculty from the community contributed much," English said. "If the administration saw (the speech) as an attack, they were mistaken. However, I

refused to be censored regardless, and I was going to voice my opinion." In her welcome speech, Salutatorian Chelsea Michelle Spence spoke of five "important" reasons to go to college. They were: 5. To live in a place with more than one radio station; 4. To live in a town where the biggest stores aren't Dollar General and Town & Country; 3. When you get in son you know and meet with trouble, everybody won't be kindness. Live each day as if

1. There's more to do besides going on "road trips. Spence also spoke on how the teachers at Ozona Schools have touched the students' lives, and what they were taught

will help them in the future. "We are all fixing to leave our comfort zones. Whatever path we choose to follow, we know we can come home to Ozona where our support system is," Spence said.

During her speech, Spence also recognized five of her classmates who will be entering the military. They are: English, Benjamin Jason Flores, Matias G. Gandar, Christopher

Michael Lara and Jesse Ramos.

Quoting Proverbs, Spence ending her speech saying "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Heather Janee Thompson, the third-highest graduate, took her speech from a familiar source.

Twenty-three years ago, Thompson's father, Brad Thompson, gave this very speech on the same stage.

"Tonight is all about reaching one of our most important goals. As you choose your route, speak to each pertalking about it the next day; it was your last, show every-2. The number of students one you meet love, joy and on campus outnumbers the understanding and set goals population in your town and for yourself," she said. "This speech shows that if these things are carried out today, they will go forward to our children and our children's children. The lessons are still the same that we learned from

those who came before us." Daniel Craig Anderson, the fourth-highest graduate, spoke on the journey his class has had since they began that first day in kindergarten.

"I personally cried the first and Lane White.

couple of weeks because I was scared," he said.

Throughout their school years, the Class of 2009 learned how to climb rope during P.E. class at intermediate school, switch classes, get the most fireball candy from Coach Bachman and play sports in middle school and then enter high school full of excitement.

"What a ride it has been. Some of us have excelled in academics, some in athletics. We have been through crazy weather from snow to hiding in a flooding basement during a tornado," he said.

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Anderson also remembered a fellow classmate, Freddy Veloz, who died last year.

"He was taken away from us too early," Anderson said. In the end, Anderson congratulated all his fellow seniors.

"I hope you all accomplish all of your goals," he said. Diplomas were conferred

on 41 students. Giving the invocation was Nathan Kyle Knox, and the

benediction was given by Amber Nicole Lewis. The President's Academic Excellence Award winners were recognized. They are English, Spence, Thompson,

Lewis, Anderson and Barbara Jean Caperton. Awards were also presented to the 18 honor graduates.

Ushers for this year's graduation were Julie Gutierrez, Lalo Longoria, Alex Macias

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TINA JARVIS

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

Saturday morning Levis and Lace square dance club hosted the Permian Basin Square and Round Dance Association's dance.

Caller Bill Pritchard from Eagle Pass did a wonderful job of conducting our workshop Levis and Lace furnished the brisket, sausage and cookies.

The other clubs brought salads, breads and desserts for our luncheon.

Carol and Leroy Adcock

for appreciation for all the ular dance. work they have done for our club and the square dance community, Nell Wester our Vice President was kind enough to present the plaque. John Geen a caller from San Angelo also called a tip.

I was voted in as secretary/ treasurer and Danny and then calling the dance. and Tammie Monzingo were voted in as Vice Presidents of

Everyone had a great time,

the Permian Basin Square and Round Dance Association.

were presented with a plaque June we will not have our reg-

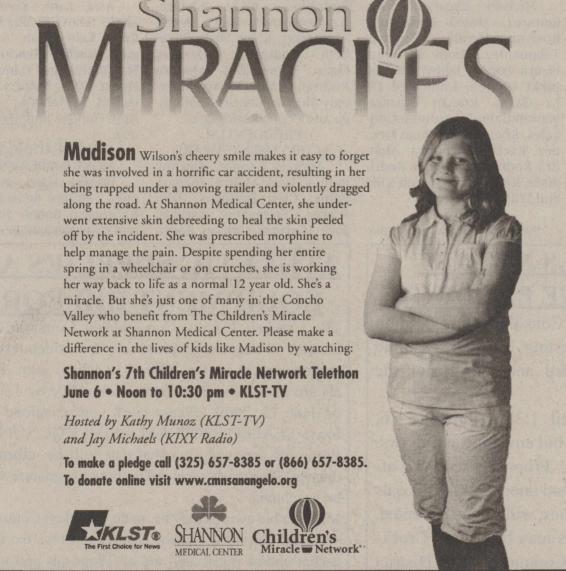
There will be a State dance held in Waco and we cancelled so we could attend.

Our next dance will be June 27 featuring caller John Geen from San Angelo. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun.

Keep it square and happy dancing!



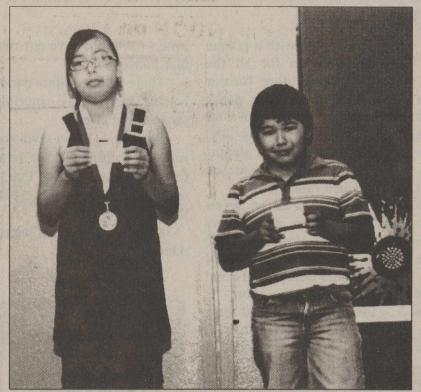




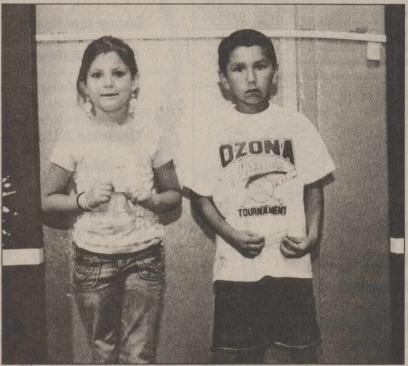
ON OUR 2009 WISHLIST

Cough Assist \$7228

Syringe Pump \$2496



NEREYDA VEGA (left) and MICHAEL GARCIA were the winners of a \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card at the Third-Fifth Grade Award Ceremony.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN MACAYLE GRAHAM (left) and ZACHARY TALAMANTEZ were the winners of a \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card at the Pre-K-Second Grade Award Ceremony.

REQUEST FOR INSURANCE PROPOSALS WORKERS' COMPENSATION **INSURANCE**

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will receive sealed proposals in the office of the Superintendent through July 15, 2009. The mailing address is P. O. Box 400, Ozona. Texas, 76943; the physical address is 797 Avenue D in Ozona. Proposals received after that date will not be considered.

Each proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly marked "W/C INSURANCE PROPOSAL"

Proposals will be opened at 1:00 P.M. June 15, 2009, at the School Administration Office and will be approved by the Board of Trustees at their regular June Board Meeting. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities in the proposal process and award the proposal to best serve the interest of the district.

Agents must furnish a 1999 A.M. Best policyholder rating for each separate insurance company with which coverage is quoted. Coverage shall begin August 31, 2009. Please quote for oneyear coverage and two-year coverage if purchasable. Rates quoted shall be guaranteed for that period.

The enclosed specifications are to be considered as minimum relative to coverage. In order to facilitate comparison, providers are required to submit their proposals on the proposal forms provided. Any plan of insurance, additional information, different methods of handling coverage, increased protection, etc., not in the specifications, will be welcomed, but must be submitted separately as an alternate proposal. Consideration will require supporting information and reasoning for better or more reasonable coverage for the district.

Additional information may be obtained from Cynthia Hokit, Business Manager, Telephone 325/392-5501.

BID NOTICE FOR CAFETERIA PRODUCTS

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will receive sealed bids for the following:

Cafeteria Products including Meat Products, Canned and Frozen Goods, Grocery Staples, Bread, Milk, Paper and Chemical Products for August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

All proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2009. Any bid received after this date will be returned unopened. Proposals received without a signature will not be accepted. Bidders are invited to attend the Proposal Opening at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2009. Proposals will be awarded at the next regular school board meeting.

Please mail or deliver your proposals to:

Mr. Chris duBois

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District PO Box 400, Ozona TX 76943

Please mark your Proposal Envelope as follows:

Sealed Proposal for Cafeteria Products: August 1, 2009 July 31, 2009.

The district has the right to accept or reject any Proposal to make awards as they may appear advantageous to the district and to waive all formalities in proposals.

Your proposal will be appreciated.



FIRST GRADE A HONOR ROLL: (left to right) Avery Edinburgh, Chole Edinburgh, Grant Gott, Valyssa Hartman, Alec Lara, Roslynn Mendez, Lazaro Rodriguez, Humberto Torralba and Manuel Torralba.



SECOND GRADE A HONOR ROLL: (left to right) Xavier Coward, Jazmin Hernandez, Dillon McGrath, Josh Knaack, Alyssa Perez, Paige Villarreal and Caleb Webb.



THIRD, FOURTH and FIFTH GRADE A HONOR ROLL (back row, left to right) Alex Hopper, all A Honor Roll all three years, Maria Mejia and Estefania Torralba, all A Honor Roll all three years; (middle row, left to right) Jahnvi Bhakta, Austin Elguea, Asia Lara, Kamryn Lozano, Julie Marshall, Rachel Mendoza and Kabir Shah; (front row, left to right) Kassidy Gonzales and Brenna Hale.

Ozona Elementary hands out annual awards

A-B HONOR ROLL

First Grade - Raelee Borrego, Jacob Childress, Sebastian De La Cruz, Matthew Galindo, Nathaniel Jackson, Hanna McGrath, Austin Moran, Carlie Ramos, Kayla Sarabia, Thomas Talamantez, Alycia Tambunga, Jaedin Tambunga, Kaitlyn Tambunga, Davien Vasquez and Justin Yeager.

Second Grade - Isaac Gonzales, Isaiah Gonzales, Edgar Guajardo, Jacqueline Guerra, Ivana Hernandez, Mark Hernandez, David Landin, Isaura Lopez, Karina Marmolejo and Coulter McWilliams.

Third Grade - Greg De-Hoyos, Andy Hernandez, Murray Logan and Hunter Smith.

Cruz, Vanessa De La Rosa, Henry Fay, Madison Galindo, Abby Gott, Garry Held, Maiah Jurado, Timothy Maldonado, Caleb Martinez, Jose Martinez, Sidney Perez, Elizabeth

2009-2010 school year.

PROPOSALS NOTICE

FOR GASOLINE PRODUCTS

The Crockett County Consolidated Common

School District is requesting bids for gasoline

products (regular/unleaded and diesel) for the

Bids will be taken until 1:30 p.m. June 16,

2009. Please mark your bid envelope as follows:

SEALED PROPOSALS. Proposals received af-

ter that date will be returned unopened. Proposals

received without a signature will not be accepted.

Multiple proposal awards may be made. Crock-

ett County Consolidated Common School District

reserves the right to accept and /or reject any and

all bids and to make purchases as they may appear

advantageous to the district. Please contact Willie

Vargas, Bus Maintenance Supervisor; or Cynthia

Hokit at the superintendent's office, for additional

information. Telephone 325/392-5501.

Rodriguez, Emmanuel Sarabia, Jasmine Talamantez and Azaylea Tovar.

Fifth Grade - Narda Aguilar, Kimberly Borrego, Madison Childress, Mitchel Cox, Kristen Fierro, Maria Mejia, Alyssa Newlin, José Ojeda, Kalen Perez, Dulce Rodriguez, Duston Vargas, Nereyda Vega, Juan Venegas and Kevin Vil-

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Michael Esparza, John Ramirez, Marco Rodriguez, Roslynn Mendez, Thomas Talamantez, Ebony Ramirez, Isaura Lopez, Jahnvi Bhakta, Rikki Chavez, Kimberlee De La Garza, Roman Esparza, Mariah Galindo, Autumn Gon-Fourth Grade - Thomas zales, Bryce Martin, Juan Mendez, Rachael Mendoza, Alondra Rodriguez, Denise Rodriguez, Kelly Sewell, Caleb Villa and William Whitten.

> UIL Second Grade Creative

Writing - Austin Hokit, Paige Villarreal, Yasmin Ojeda and Zachary Polk.

Second Grade Storytelling Coulter McWilliams, Isaura Lopez, Mireya Flores and Carlos Martinez, fourth place. CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Duston Vargas, Nereyda Vega, Alejandra Camarillo, Kaelan Savala, Josae Coy, Samantha Torralba, Alyssa Molina, Jacob Schroeder, Dulce Rodriguez, Rikki Chavez, Abby Gott, Kabir Shah, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Ornaldo Meza, Felipe Irlas, Alondra Rodriguez, Gina Marquez, Jeremy Munoz, Gabriel Tambun-

ga and Pricila Rodriguez. PRESIDENTIAL **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Audrey Gandar, Destiny Ramos, Mark Ybarra, Zachary Perez, Greg DeHoyos, Toni Parker, Emmanuel Sarabia, Jose Martinez, Adrian Rodri-

guez, Azaylea Tovar, Kabir Shah, Austin Elguea, Pricila Rodriguez, Lauren Miles, Erbey Blanco, Alan Landa, Olivia Mata, Megan Vasquez, John Anthony Garza, Maria Guerrero, Uriel Hernandez, Madison Childress, Bryce Martin, Javier Barrera, Phillip Benson, Michael Graham and Alyssa

PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Asia Lara, Kamryn Lo-Azaylea Tovar, Raven Perez, zano, Jahnvi Bhakta, Thomas Cruz, Kabir Shah, Austin Elguea, Rachel Mendoza, Julie Marshall, Edgar Damian, Jose Ojeda, Maria Mejia, Kevin Villarreal, Estefania Torralba, Alex Hopper and Jeremy Mu-

STAR READING TEST

MOST IMPROVEMENT Brenna Hale, Austin Elguea, Phillip Benson, Dario Rodriguez, Bobbie Jo Benson and Uriel Hernandez.

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES AND **EQUIPMENT BID FORM**

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is requesting proposals for athletic supplies and equipment for the 2009-2010 school year. Proposals are due in the Superintendent's office by 1:30 P.M. on June 15, 2009. Please mark your envelope as follows: SEALED PROPOSAL - ATHLETIC SUPPLIES. Proposals received after that date will be returned unopened. Proposals received without a signature will not be accepted.

Multiple bid awards may be made. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all Proposals and to make purchases as they may appear advantageous to the district. Please contact Cynthia Hokit at the superintendent's office, at 325/392-5501 for additional information.

We are requesting a benchmark price such as a catalog price, bid sheet, wholesale price, etc. Purchases will be made based on selection, service and price. There will be no fall billing.



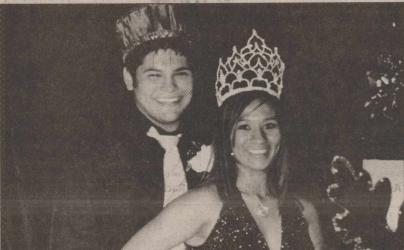
OZONA HEAD START held their annual graduation on May 27 at the Civic Center. This year's graduates are: Abriele Cervantes, Angel Garcia, Caleb Graham, Bryce Gray, Makayleigh Martinez, Xavier Perez, Rosa Bella Ramos, Ethan Tobar, Genesis Venegas and Jaron Villarreal.



ETHAN ENGLISH (left) and NATHAN KNOX were named the American Legion and Crockett County Veterans Outstanding Students this year. Frank Tambunga (center) presented the two students with certificates for their



MATTHEW KOMECHAK (center left) and LAURA STAPPER (center right) were the recipients of the Crockett County DeerFest scholarship. Each student received \$1,000 each. Also pictured are DeerFest members (left to right) Jimmy Nowell, Martin Childress, Clay Engdahl, Ty Williams, Hugh Childress and Will Seahorn.



STEVEN SILVA (left) and ALYSHA LARA were named the OHS Prom King and Queen on May 23. This year's prom was held at the Civic Center.

Congratulations

Recipient of the

Pleas L. Childress

Jr. Golf Award

Tommy Longoria

Sarah Lott

Josh Smith

Melissa Miller

Miranda Munoz

Rebecca Rueffer

Chelsea Spence

Felix Venegas

Wilson White

Heather Thompson

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Seniors please come

pick up your gifts:

Chris Lara

Daniel Anderson

Barbara Caperton

Latham Ducote

Matthew Garza

Matthew Komechak

Ethan English

Nathan Knox

Alysha Lara

Nick Hill

Kara Bird

Youth Center Calendar of Events

June 8 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

June 9 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.



WEDNESDAY JUNE 3. SPM-1@AMO Customer Appreciation Day

*10 oz. Floats, while supplies last.

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is NOON on Monday!



1010 AVE. E OZONA TEXAS—ON THE SQUARE

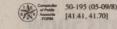
RE-OPENS JUNE 6TH @ 6:00 P.M.

FREE COFFEE TASTING SIGNATURE BLENDED & IN-HOUSE ROASTED



Live Local Entertainment Begins @ 8:00 PM

/ mie from 7:00 - 8:00 PM avarockscoffee.com



Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
 the unequal appraisal of your property
 the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
 the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
 the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
 the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects

Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer

CONTACT: Crockett County Appraisal District

P.O. Drawer H Ozona, TX 76943

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may nated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance

of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.).

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the

notice of the determination was mailed to you. (You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted

property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.) June 26, 2009

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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starting off with an Ameri- ga, coordinator. can Festival at the Town Square from 3-8 p.m.

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in the afternoon. At 8 p.m. participants come first serve basis.

Crockett County Veterans will line up in front of the will host their annual G.I. Joe courthouse and have a parade that will lead to the This year we will do the fireworks show on north Ozona Tour Run/Walk. Par- side of town by the baseball

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BAIL BONDS

5-23-09

· Shannon Becerra, Louisiformation, state jail felony, facility, felony, \$10,000. \$5,000 PR Bond. 5-24-09

cock, Texas, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$5,000. 5-26-09

· Willey Stewart, Killeen, Texas, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, Class B misdemeanor, \$5,000 PR Bond; driving while intoxicated, Class B misdemeanor, \$5,000 PR Bond.

5-27-09

· Jesus Gonzales, Crysana, possession of a controlled tal City, Texas, possession substance, state jail felony, of marijuana less than two \$10,000 PR Bond; failure to ounces, Class B misdemeanor, identify fugitive from justice \$2,000 PR Bond; possession intentionally giving false in- of marijuana in a correctional

· Paula Sessom, Ozona, telephone harassment, misde-· Alejandro Cruz, 32, San meanor, \$2,000; false alarm or Antonio, driving while license report, misdemeanor, \$5,000; invalid, misdemeanor, \$5,000. fraudulent use of identifying · Billy McDaniel, Hitch- information, felony, \$10,000; tampering with physical evidence, felony, \$10,000; possession of a controlled substance, felony, \$10,000.

> The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

STATE: McLeroy loses education chair bid

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D-SENATORS BLOCK SBOE NOMINEE

Don McLeroy, a Bryan dentist and self-described "creationist," lost his bid to be reappointed as chair of the State Board of Educa-

A motion to reappoint him failed to get a needed two-thirds vote in the Texas Senate on May 28. The vote was party line, with 19 Republicans for McLeroy of 11 Democrats against. Nominated by Gov. Rick Perry,

McLeroy served as SBOE chair for two years, beginning in 2007. During his tenure, the board engaged in high-profile discussions over how the subject of evolution should be presented to Texas school children.

SPEAKER FILES FOR SECOND TERM

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, on May 27 filed papers with the Texas Ethics Commission signifying his intention to run for a second term as speaker.

His current term as speaker expires when the 82nd Legislature convenes in 2011. **REP RECOVERING**

FROM HEART ATTACK

State Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, continues to improve after suffering a May 12 heart attack while at work in the state Capitol. Kuempel, 66, underwent surgery to implant a pacemaker. He has served as a House member since 1983.

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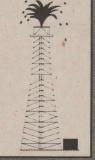
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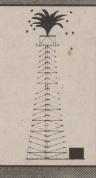
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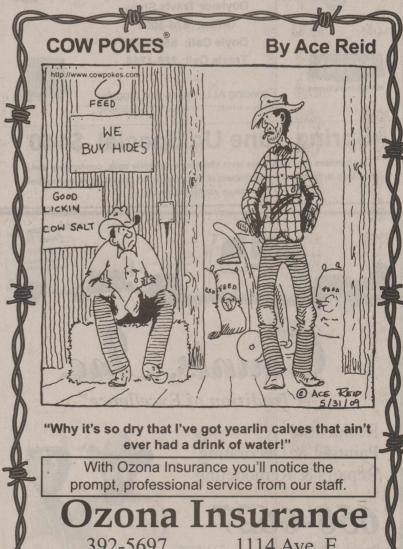
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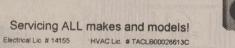
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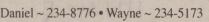
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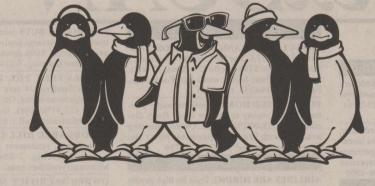
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